

HJR 70 -- TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

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Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment requires the Highways and Transportation Commission to annually evaluate the amount of moneys needed to fully fund all road and bridge construction projects for the upcoming fiscal year and present a funding proposal to the Department of Transportation on or before December 31 of the year before the next fiscal year. An independent committee must evaluate the proposal and file a report with the General Assembly by February 1, 2017, and every year thereafter. Beginning on January 1, 2017, the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must each appoint five members to the committee.

The amendment also prohibits any tax credit from being authorized or issued for any fiscal year following a fiscal year in which the department is not funded at the level the Highways and Transportation Commission requested.